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THURSDAY
MAY 27, 1954

We went down to Versailles for lunch today, it being a public holiday in France, namely Ascension Day.

I had hardly entered the house when I had a telephone call from the Embassy saying Doug was sending down a Marine Guard with a telegram which he would like sent out jointly, if I had no objection, on the Saar affair. I read it, suggested two [redacted] minor changes, and it was transmitted as follows:

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"SENT: SECSTATE WASHINGTON. PRIORITY. 4564.

"RPT INFO: LONDON PRIORITY 1091
BONN PRIORITY 873,

"From Dillon and Bruce.

"Further re Deptel 4245.

"Since sending Embtel 4554, complete text of Teitgen-Adenauer agreement at Strasbourg was published last night in LE MONDE with no indication of source. Undoubtedly this was a leak from Quai d'Orsay elements opposed to EDC. In view of categoric official statements here that no final agreement was reached in Strasbourg and Adenauer statements to the same effect, it will now be considerably more difficult for French Cabinet to accept Strasbourg text without at least some minor face-saving changes. While we still believe we should support Adenauer efforts to prevent reopening of negotiations on Saar, it may be necessary that a final meeting between Adenauer and Laniel, Bidault or Teitgen take place in which these face-saving changes might be made. Recommend that our attitude with Adenauer should be that we hope that he will maintain an open mind and not exclude the possibility of a few minor changes that would not alter the substance of Strasbourg Agreement. DILLON."

We spent the night at Versailles.

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